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# Carcophony

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**Isaac**  
**1856 - 1887**

Lyn Knowles

Dreams of wealth. New World anticipation as  
ship sails west. A new continent to conquer yet  
still the dank mines. No tales of fortunes made.  
No joyous return to mother country. Instead,  
pneumonia and an anonymous resting place.

unmarked plot  
rustling blades suffocate—  
entombment



**Enough**

Bianca Pittman

If this is the place  
where the search and seizure  
of gravity (between palms  
and interlacing digits)  
ends with no discovery,

then this is it.

Reflections – these fiery resurrections  
cause an anchoring thing  
to become blunt and  
pendulous, as if preparing  
to fell something  
rather than render itself fallen.

This is it,

And the humor reveals itself  
in the little sparks that ignite  
the vitreous behind each iris.

Your face shines  
every time you strategically  
place dynamite in my life  
even after bits and pieces of me  
have already died.

**OPENING** Linda Sears